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(*c*) A sum of Rs. 2,857–3–0 was realized in 1953–54 and Rs. 731–8–3 in 1954–55. The amounts include the proceeds of some other items of unserviceable articles which were sold in auction in lots along with the condemned radiological equipment.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, have the Government received any representation or complaint or report with regard to the manner of disposal of the condemned articles?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Any particular instance?

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : May I know the original value of these articles which were sold for about Rs. 700 and Rs. 2,000?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I said that radiological equipment and other items of unserviceable articles are put in one lump together and sold in auction.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : What was the original value, that is the cost price and age of the articles? For, that would give an indication as to how the condemnation is being done.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I have no information here, Sir.

Smallpox in Balussery Panchayat area

* 3097[a] Q.—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of deaths due to small-pox from 1st June to 31st August 1955 in Panangad and Kinalur villages in Balussery Panchayat area, Kurumbranad taluk?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : There were two and five deaths due to smallpox from 1st June to 31st August 1955 in Panangad and Kinalur villages respectively.

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Are Government aware that smallpox was prevalent in area adjoining the Balussery, in Quilandy firka, Kurumbranad taluk and what were the steps on hand to prevent the disease?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The hon. Member is asking the question with regard to some other place and I cannot give that information.

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : How many persons were affected by this disease during this period? Are Government aware that because the Health Staff had not taken sufficient care at the beginning this disease spread widely?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The Health Staff generally take all necessary measures wherever an epidemic appears and in this case also they have taken all the required steps.

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[a] Questions postponed from the list for 30th January 1956.